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## **STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.8(b)**

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.8(a), the undersigned states that the attached Amendment was filed in a timely manner in response to the Office Action dated 12 July 2005. Specifically, the Amendment was addressed to the Commissioner for Patents and was deposited with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail with sufficient postage.

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.8(b)(1), the undersigned states that the USPTO was informed promptly after becoming aware that the USPTO had no evidence of receipt of the correspondence. The undersigned became aware that the patent office had not received the attached amendment on approximately 1 March 2006, when a Notice of Abandonment was received from the USPTO. On or about 1 March 2006, the undersigned called Examiner Strimbu and notified him of the Amendment. The USPTO is also being informed promptly by this paper.

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.8(b)(2), a copy of the Amendment that was mailed to the USPTO

on 12 October 2005 is attached.

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Adjustment date: 05/25/2006 CKHLOK 10/14/2005 ZJUHAR1 00000047 10733142 01 FC:1814 -130.00 OP Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.8(b)(3), the undersigned attests that he has personal knowledge that the above Amendment was indeed mailed in a timely manner on 12 October 2005 with sufficient postage. The certificate of mailing on page 1 of the Amendment is evidence of the timely mailing.

As the requirements of 37 CFR 1.8(b) have been satisfied, it is respectfully requested that the Amendment filed on 12 October 2005 be entered into the record, and that examination of the present application be resumed subsequent to entry of the Amendment.

Although no fees are thought to be due at this time, please charge any underpayments and credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-1147.

Respectfully submitted.

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